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CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATION (CAFO) INTRODUCTION & PROPOSAL

The following introduction outlines the State's resources as it relates to CAFOs and provides a broad description about how nutrients are governed by multiple laws, regulations, agreements and incentive programs. These governing tools work in concert to reduce the nitrogen, phosphorus and other runoff sources that affect water quality. The CAFO regulations must function in conjunction with these existing resources.

1. **Nutrient Management Law** (3 *Del. C.* §2200 et.al.) became effective June 17, 1999 and established the Delaware Nutrient Management Commission (DNMC) and the State Nutrient Management Program as the lead program for issuing and administering CAFO requirements. The Law requires compliance for any animal feeding operation greater than eight animal units (8,000 lbs) that is designated a CAFO. Most CAFOs are identified within the regulation as large, regardless of the environmental conditions on the farm. Further a special designation may qualify an operation as a CAFO by the Commission determining the operation has a high-impact to the environment or non-compliance with the Nutrient Management Law.

The basic premise of the Nutrient Management Law is to reduce excess nutrients from all sources – from golf courses to lawn care and animal feeding operations of all sizes. The State Nutrient Management Law requires nutrient management planning for all sources of nutrients, records of implementation, submission of an annual report and certification for all farms and non-farm properties managing at least ten acres of land or eight animal units. The CAFO program is a fraction of the overall nutrient reduction strategy and must function as a component of the existing nutrient management requirements.

2. **Nutrient Management Regulations** became effective January 10, 2001 and governed certification of operators and the processing of complaints and violations. CAFO requirements will be an intricate part of educating farmers on legal requirements and how to protect and improve the environment. Complaint and violation regulations provide a process for the public and the CAFO facility to demonstrate compliance or non-compliance.
3. **Department of Agriculture (DDA or Department) and the State Nutrient Management Program** provides the administrative, technical and enforcement resources. The DDA Nutrient Management Program has established staffing responsibility (approximately ½ full time position) for CAFOs. The Nutrient Management Program will be the primary point of contact for the CAFO regulated community. The nutrient relocation program and planning reimbursement program are administered by the Nutrient Management Program and will serve as a valuable resource for CAFOs.
4. **Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control (DNREC)** is a vital partner in the responsibilities of governing CAFOs. DNREC currently holds the legal framework (7 *Del. C.* §6000 et.al) in which the CAFO regulations will be approved. A formal agreement approved June 13, 2000 between the DNREC and the DDA outlines the responsibilities of the two departments. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved this document as an interim process for governing CAFOs in DE.

5. **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)** provides the technical and engineering services for CAFOs as it relates to manure management storage structures, mortality management structures and a multitude of best management practice. NRCS administers federal conservation funding programs and is one of many partners in assisting CAFOs in meeting the regulatory requirements.
6. **University of Delaware** provides the education services for certification of all nutrient handlers and has made CAFO information a part of the curriculum. Research priorities directly apply to management practices required for CAFOs and other animal feeding operations. These priorities are aligned with nutrient reduction strategies in an effort to better balance science based policy development with modern and responsible nutrient management practices.
7. **Poultry Company Agreement** was formalized January 8, 2001 and has proven to be a tremendous tool in tackling nutrient reductions within the state and beyond. Poultry companies also provide an annual report to the Commission as required by the Nutrient Management Law. The poultry companies have approached all potential CAFOs as a cooperative effort to educate them on future requirements. The formal agreement and individual company reports account for goals and results relating to the following:
 - Compliance with the Nutrient Management Law
 - Proper manure management planning
 - Technical assistance for growers
 - Alternative use for excess poultry litter
 - Feed formulation to reduce phosphorus in the excrement
 - Research efforts and priorities for nutrient runoff prevention
 - Financial commitments
 - Educational programs for companies and growers
 - Environmental Stewardship recognition for growers
8. **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)** maintains regulatory and national responsibilities for CAFOs as a point source defined by the Clean Water Act. EPA CAFO regulations were finalized February 12, 2003 and serve as the legal framework for the issuance of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits. Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia make up EPA's Region III.

In addition to Delaware's unique structure for regulating CAFOs and other nutrients, a comprehensive evaluation was conducted for application setbacks and temporary field storage for poultry litter. The following explanations provide an overview of the two topics and how it relates to CAFOs:

Alternative Compliance Practices for Application Setbacks

The federal CAFO rule requires manure application setbacks for all CAFOs applying manure near surface waters that includes streams, lakes, drainage ditches and more. The setback requirements are found in the Federal Code (40 *Code of Federal Regulation* §412.4) as the following:

- 1) 100 foot application setback;
- 2) 35 foot application setback if the 35 foot area is a vegetated buffer;
- 3) Alternative compliance practices; as a compliance alternative, the CAFO may demonstrate that a setback or buffer is not necessary because implementation of alternative conservation practices or field-specific conditions will provide pollutant reductions equivalent or better than the reductions that would be achieved by the 100-foot setback.

As recently as December 2003, the Delaware Nutrient Management Commission approved agricultural pollution control strategies for Delaware's Total Maximum Daily Loads. This strategy was approved by the Department of Natural Resources Environmental Control (DNREC) and was established by a work group of

people from the Nutrient Management Commission, University of Delaware, Natural Resources Conservation Service and the DNREC. The keystone to developing the strategy was quantifying nutrient reductions for the most effective Best Management Practices (BMPs). These reductions were based on the best available technologies, cost effectiveness and overall reduction of non-point source pollution. In general, the three most effective and comparable BMPs for manure-applied land are manure and soil incorporation, cereal cover crops and a vegetative buffer. When combining these BMPs with an application setback of 10 to 50 feet, the results far exceed a single 100-foot no application area. A minimum area for cover crop and soil incorporations was established as 200 feet for the purpose of measuring reductions; however, many farm operations will continue the BMP throughout the field, which will provide an extended reduction in nutrient runoff.

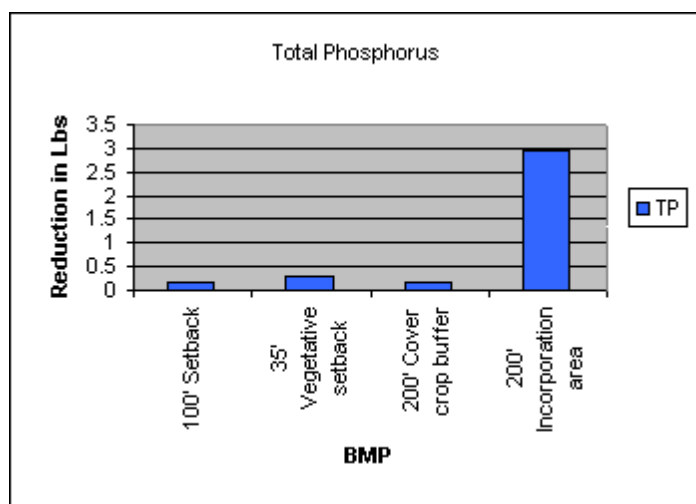
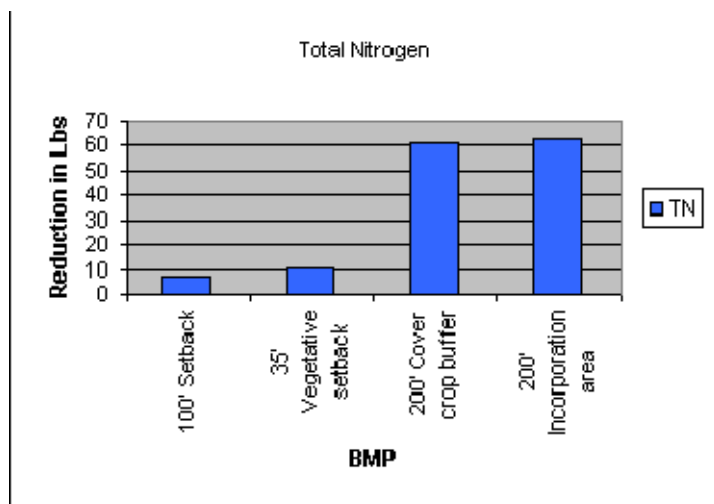
The following charts illustrate the comparison and nutrient reductions associated with each BMP and serves as justification for alternative compliance practices. These alternative practices are dependent on the implementation of a cover crop and/or manure incorporation, the waters as ditches (as defined), or waters of the state such as a stream. Regardless of the combination, the minimum application setback is no less than 10 feet from a drainage ditch and 15 feet from any other water of state.

Nutrient Reduction Comparison

BMP	Total N%	Total P%	Acreage Area of BMP	Total N	Total P
100' Setback	15.0%	10.0%	2.3	7.2	0.2
35' Vegetative buffer setback	22.7%	24.2%	0.8	10.6	0.3
200' Cover crop area	63.0%	4.9%	4.6	60.9	0.2
200' Incorporation area	65.0%	80.0%	4.6	62.8	2.9

Assumptions:

- * Loads and reductions are based on the State's Agricultural Pollution Control Strategies.
- * Cropland loading rates:
 - Total Nitrogen (TN) 21.0 lbs per acre per year
 - Total Phosphorus (TP) 0.8 lbs per acre per year
- * Reductions represent a 23 acre field (1,000 x 1,000 feet) with a waterway as one side of the field.



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Temporary Field Storage of Poultry Litter

Temporary field storage of poultry litter is a method of staging litter prior to field application. Field application is to be conducted shortly before incorporation and planting so the plants can best utilize the nutrients in the litter. Field storage is only necessary when available storage is not adequate to handle total clean-outs of poultry houses. Total clean-outs are usually conducted once every two or three years. Temporary field storage standards have been established by NRCS (Code 633) and the DNMC.

In situations where storage with a cover is not possible, litter may be piled temporarily to preserve litter quality and prevent application at the wrong time of the year. Temporary outdoor storage is the least preferred storage practice but may be conducted according to the identified BMPs to reduce nitrogen, phosphorous and bacteria movement from the site. These BMPs involve ideal site selection, pile shape and height, moisture and material consistency, proper planning, post litter removal treatment and post removal vegetative uptake. Storage up to 90 days is permitted if the proper BMPs are implemented. For special condition, storage is permitted up to 150 days with the approval of the DDA or the DNMC.

The CAFO Federal Code (40 *Code of Federal Regulation* §122.42) states that CAFOs must ensure adequate storage of manure, litter and process wastewater, including procedures to ensure proper operation and maintenance of the storage facilities. The *National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit writer's guidance Manual And Example NPDES Permit for CAFOs* states that temporary field storage is limited to 15 days at which time, it should be covered. This guidance document is an EPA recommendation and not a statute or regulation. Science indicates that in most situations nutrients, primarily nitrogen, escape from an outdoor storage pile at the base, where it contacts the soil. Time limits and the identified best management practices will minimize nutrient losses.

The following table outlines standards for stockpiling and temporary storage of poultry litter. These standards are approved by the DNMC and will be the standards not just for CAFOs, but all who generate or handle poultry litter within the state.

Production Area Storage	Non-Production Area Storage Up to 90 Days	Non-Production Area Storage Over 90 Days to 150 Days
<p>“Production Area” means that part of an Animal Feeding Operation that includes the animal confinement area, the manure storage area, the raw materials storage area and the waste containment areas, also includes egg washing or processing facility and any area used in the storage, handling, treatment or disposal of mortalities.</p> <p>The Production Area should be defined in the operation’s Nutrient Management Plan.</p>	<p>Temporary Storage away from the “Production Area” can be staged for land application and is limited to 90 days without the use of an impervious cover.</p>	<p>For conditions that require temporary storage of litter beyond 90 days, individual or general authorization may be granted by the DNMC or Delaware Department of Agriculture for storage up to 150 days. For any storage greater than 150 days, an impervious cover is required.</p>
<p>Temporary storage within the “Production Area” (as defined above) is limited to 14 days without the use of an impervious cover.</p>		
<p>The following BMP(s) are required for Production Area Storage:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The stockpile must be separated from any channeled runoff, standing water and other drainage systems such as roof runoff and down spouts. <p>These following additional BMPs are required for Production Area Storage of 2-14 days:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. The stockpile must be at least 6 feet high; and 3. The stockpile site must meet Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) standard or other containment area lining (standards) approved by the DNMC. 	<p>The following BMPs are required for Non-Production Area Storage Up to 90 days:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The pile must be at least 6 feet high and in a conical cross section shape; and 2. Litter shall not consist of more than 5% crust out material; and 3. The selection of the temporary storage site must consider the highest, most practical site possible and shall not use the same site more than once every two years without a storage site that meets NRCS standards or other containment lining standards approved by the DNMC; and 4. The temporary storage sites must be identified in the nutrient management plan; and 5. The site must be located at least 100 feet from a public road, 100 hundred feet from any surface water and 200 feet from any residence not located on the property; and 6. The site must be at least 200 feet from a domestic well and 300 feet from a public water supply well; and 7. Post litter removal treatment must include the removal of all litter and the top 1-2 inches of topsoil if the topsoil is co-mingled with the litter to prevent nutrient loads; and 8. A production crop or cover must be established and maintained at the site as soon as practical following post removal treatment. 9. For temporary storage sites on soils classified as located within 1 ½ feet of the depth to the seasonal high water table, any <u>one</u> of the following practices must be implemented: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The establishment of a storage site that meets NRCS standards or other containment lining standards approved by the DNMC; or b. The use of high carbon (content) material (straw, wood shavings, fodder) as the base of the pile at least 8 inches thick to serve as a barrier and easy post storage removal; or c. The use of powdered bentonite or similar material that will seal the area under the pile. 	<p>The following BMPs are required for Non-Production Area Storage Over 90 days:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The pile is to be constructed as large as possible and be at least 10 feet high and in a conical cross section shape; and 2. Litter shall not consist of more than 5% crust out material; and 3. The selection of the temporary storage site must consider the highest, most practical site possible and shall not use the same site more than once every two years without a storage site that meets NRCS standards or other containment lining standards approved by the DNMC; and 4. The temporary storage sites must be identified in the nutrient management plan; and 5. The site must be located at least 100 feet from a public road, 100 hundred feet from any surface water and 200 feet from any residence not located on the property; and 6. The site must be at least 200 feet from a domestic well and 300 feet from a public water supply well; and 7. Post litter removal treatment must include the removal of all litter and the top 1-2 inches of topsoil if the topsoil is co-mingled with the litter to prevent nutrient loads; and 8. A production crop or cover crop must be established and maintained at the site as soon as practical following post removal treatment; and 9. The establishment and maintenance of a 24-foot vegetative buffer surrounding the pile site. 10. For temporary storage sites on soils classified as located within 1 ½ feet of the depth to the seasonal high water table, any <u>one</u> of the following practices must be implemented: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The establishment of a storage site that meets NRCS standards or other containment lining standards approved by the DNMC; or b. The use of high carbon (content) material (straw, wood shavings, fodder) as the base of the pile at least 8 inches thick to serve as a barrier and easy post storage removal; or c. The use of powdered bentonite or similar material that will seal the area under the pile.

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1 SECTION 9, SUBSECTION 4, REGULATIONS GOVERNING DISCHARGES FROM
2 FEEDLOTS OR CONCENTRATED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS
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7 These regulations have been developed pursuant to 3 *Del. C.* §2201-2290 and 7 *Del. C.* §6000 et.al., 40
8 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R) §122.23 and 40 C.F.R. §122, Appendix B and 40 CFR part 412.
9 These statutory and regulatory authorities establish the requirement that a National Pollutant Discharge
10 Elimination System (NPDES) permitting program for Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs)
11 be implemented. These regulations will function as the baseline CAFO standards for compliance of
12 NPDES permits applicable to certain farms. The Delaware Department of Agriculture (DDA) will
13 administer these regulations, while the legal framework and authority is maintained by the Delaware
14 Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control. In general, NPDES general permits, as
15 provided in these regulations, are effective for five years. After five years, new or updated CAFO General
16 Permit regulations will be promulgated. These regulations were developed by the Delaware Nutrient
17 Management Commission, the Delaware Department of Agriculture and the Delaware Department of
18 Natural Resources and Environmental Control. They are to be adopted with the guidance, advice and
19 consent of the Commission.
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37 Section 9 THE CAFO GENERAL PERMIT

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40 **A. AUTHORITY.**

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42 These regulations are promulgated pursuant to the authority provided by 3 *Del. C.* §2200 et.al. and
43 7 *Del. C.* §6000 et.al.
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45 **B. PURPOSE.**

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47 The purpose of these regulations is to establish requirements for certain animal feeding operations
48 defined as a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) in order to protect water quality
49 from activities associated with CAFO management, sustain and provide a profitable agricultural
50 industry and to help meet or exceed Federal and state mandated water quality standards.
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52 **C. DEFINITIONS.**

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54 For purposes of these regulations, the following words or terms shall have the meanings as
55 indicated:
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- 57 1. “Agricultural Storm Water Exemption” means an exempt discharge of manure, litter or
58 process wastewater provided the manure or process wastewater has been applied in
59 accordance with site-specific nutrient management practices that ensure appropriate
60 agricultural utilization of the nutrients in the manure or process wastewater. The
61 agricultural storm water exemption does not apply to the production area.
- 62 2. “Animal Feeding Operation” or “AFO” means a lot or facility (other than an aquatic
63 animal production facility) where the animals have been, or will be stabled or confined
64 and fed or maintained for a total of 45 days or more in any 12-month period, and the
65 animal confinement areas do not sustain crops, vegetation, forage growth or post-harvest
66 residues in the normal growing season. Two or more AFOs under common ownership
67 are considered to be a single AFO for the purposes of determining the number of
68 animals in an operation, if the production areas adjoin each other or if the AFOs use a
69 common area or system for the disposal of wastes. (For example, facilities or production
70 areas that are commonly managed, co-located and share manure storage systems are
71 considered a single AFO. A poultry operation with many facilities in a single location
72 or address is deemed a single AFO).
- 73 3. “Animal Waste Management Plan” means a plan written by a certified nutrient
74 management consultant that documents and recommends a combination of conservation
75 practices and management measures for the handling, storage, treatment and
76 management of any or all of the following for use on cropland and pastureland: animal
77 wastes, manures, composted dead animals, or process wastewater from any animal
78 feeding operation.
- 79 4. “Applicant” means any person seeking and or required to obtain an individual CAFO
80 permit or coverage under a general permit.
- 81 5. “Application Area” means land under the control of an AFO owner or operator, whether
82 it is owned, rented, or leased, to which manure, litter or process wastewater from the
83 production area is or may be applied.
- 84 6. “Apply,” “applying,” or any variation of the word “apply,” as it relates to the application
85 of nutrients, means the human controlled mechanical conveyance of nutrients to land for
86 the purpose of applying organic and/or inorganic nutrients.

- 87 7. “Best Management Practices” or “BMP” means those practices that have been approved
88 by the Delaware Nutrient Management Commission.
- 89 8. “Catastrophic Mortalities” means any mortality that exceeds the approved disposal
90 system capacity to accommodate losses within 24 hours. Most disposal systems are
91 designed to handle the normal anticipated mortality. If enough animals are lost and the
92 disposal system cannot hold them all without causing serious disruption in the disposal
93 process, then it is a catastrophic loss.
- 94 9. A “CAFO” or Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation is an animal feeding operation
95 that is subject to the terms and conditions of these regulations. A CAFO is designated
96 by the confinement of animals specified in section D of these regulations.
- 97 10. “Delaware Nutrient Management Commission,” “DNMC,” or “Commission” means the
98 Commission established by 3 *Del. C.* §2220 “or its designee.”
- 99 11. “Department” means the Delaware Department of Agriculture.
- 100 12. “Effluent limitation” means any restrictions, prohibitions, or permit requirements
101 established under State or Federal law, including but not limited to, standards of
102 performance for new sources, best management practices or BMPs, effluent standards
103 and ocean discharge criteria on the quantities, rates, and concentrations of the chemical,
104 physical, biological, or other constituents discharged into State waters.
- 105 13. “Discharge of a pollutant” means the addition of any pollutant or combination of
106 pollutants, to state waters or contiguous zones, or the ocean, from any source or activity
107 other than a vessel or other floating craft when being used as a means of transportation
108 and in compliance with Section 312 of the Act. This definition includes additions of
109 pollutants into State waters from:
- 110 a. Surface runoff that is collected or channeled by man;
111 b. Discharges through pipes, sewers, and other conveyances which do not lead to a
112 treatment works; and
113 c. Discharges through pipes, sewers, or other conveyances, leading into a treatment
114 works other than a publicly owned treatment works (POTW).
- 115 14. “Drainage ditch” is defined as a constructed or reconstructed watercourse with a
116 drainage area less than 800 acres. A constructed or reconstructed watercourse with a
117 drainage area greater than 800 acres is considered a stream.
- 118 15. “Freeboard action level” is the liquid level within a lagoon or other liquid storage
119 structure that indicates the structure is full and implies that immediate steps be taken to
120 transfer liquid out of the waste storage structure.
- 121 16. “General Permit” means an authorization granted to a category of point sources
122 discharges pursuant to Section 9 of the Regulations Governing the Control of Water
123 Pollution.
- 124 17. “Ground water” means any water naturally found under the surface of the earth.
- 125 18. “Inorganic Fertilizer(s)” means a fertilizer comprised of chemically synthesized plant
126 nutrient elements that are essential for plant growth and include at least nitrogen or
127 phosphorus.
- 128 19. “Liquid manure” means usually less than 8.0% solids. Wash water, runoff,
129 precipitation, and so forth are added, if needed to dilute the manure and lower the solids
130 content.
- 131 20. “Liquid manure handling system” means an operation where animals are raised outside
132 with swimming areas or ponds, or with a stream running through an open lot, or in
133 confinement buildings where water is used to flush the manure to a lagoon, pond, or
134 some other liquid storage structure.
- 135 21. “Manure” is defined to include fecal and urinary defecations of livestock and poultry;
136 may include spilled feed, bedding, soil, compost and raw materials if commingled with
137 manure.

- 138 22. “NPDES” (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) means the national
139 program for issuing, modifying, revoking and reissuing, terminating, monitoring and
140 enforcing permits for the discharge of any pollutant or combination of pollutants and
141 imposing and enforcing pretreatment and sludge requirements pursuant to Sections 307,
142 402, 318, and 405 of the Act.
- 143 23. “Notice of Intent (NOI)” means the form used to serve as a notification of the intention
144 of the facility identified on the form to adhere to the provisions of The Concentrated
145 Animal Feeding Operation Regulations.
- 146 24. “Nutrient Management Plan” or “plan” means a plan by a certified nutrient consultant to
147 manage the amount, placement, timing and application of nutrients in order to reduce
148 nutrient loss or runoff and to maintain the productivity of soil when growing agricultural
149 commodities and turf grass.
- 150 25. “Nutrients” means nitrogen, nitrate, phosphorus, organic matter and any other elements
151 necessary for or helpful to plant growth.
- 152 26. “Phosphorus Site Index or PSI” means the assessment tool developed by the University
153 of Delaware designed to evaluate the site characteristics and management factors in
154 determining Phosphorus loss to the environment.
- 155 27. “Person” means any individual, partnership, association, fiduciary, corporation, or any
156 organized group of persons, whether incorporated or not.
- 157 28. “Pollutant” means any substance, which causes or contributes to, or may cause or
158 contribute to, pollution.
- 159 29. “Process wastewater” means any process-generated wastewater directly or indirectly
160 used in the operation of an AFO (such as spillage or overflow from animal or poultry
161 watering systems; washing, cleaning, or flushing pens, barns, manure pits; direct contact
162 swimming, washing, or spray cooling of animals; and dust control) or any precipitation
163 (rain or snow) which comes into contact with any manure or litter, bedding, or any other
164 raw material or intermediate or final material or product used in or resulting from the
165 production of animals or poultry or direct products (e.g., milk, eggs).
- 166 30. “Production area” that part of an AFO that includes the animal confinement area, the
167 manure storage area, the raw materials storage area and the waste containment areas.
168 The animal confinement area includes but is not limited to open lots, housed lots,
169 feedlots, confinement houses, stall barns, free stall barns, milkrooms, milking centers,
170 cowyards, barnyards, medication pens, walkers, animal walkways, and stables. The
171 manure storage area includes but is not limited to lagoons, runoff ponds, storage sheds,
172 stockpiles, under house or pit storages, liquid impoundments, static piles, and
173 composting piles. The raw materials storage area includes but is not limited to feed
174 silos, silage bunkers, and bedding materials. The waste containment area includes but is
175 not limited to settling basins, and area within berms and diversions which separate
176 uncontaminated storm water. Also included in the definition of production area is any
177 egg washing or egg processing facility, and any area used in the storage, handling,
178 treatment, or disposal of mortalities.
- 179 31. “Secretary” means the Secretary of the Delaware Department of Agriculture or his/her
180 designee.
- 181 32. “Sinkhole” is defined as a depression in the landscape where limestone has been
182 dissolved.
- 183 33. “Soil productivity,” means the capacity of a soil, in its normal environment, to produce a
184 specified plant or sequence of plants under a specified system of management. The
185 “specified” limitations are needed because no soil can produce all crops with equal
186 success and a single system of management cannot achieve the same effect on all soils.
187 Productivity means the capacity of soil to produce crops and is expressed in terms of
188 yields.

- 189 34. “State Nutrient Management Program” or “SNMP” means all the nutrient management
190 program elements developed by the Commission, whether or not reduced to rules or
191 regulations.
- 192 35. “State waters” or “waters of the State” means all water, on the surface and under the
193 ground, wholly or partially within, or bordering the State, or within its jurisdiction
194 including but not limited to:
- 195 a. Waters which are subject to the ebb and flow of the tide including, but not limited
196 to, estuaries, bays and the Atlantic Ocean;
- 197 b. All interstate waters, including interstate wetlands;
- 198 c. All other waters of the State, such as lakes, rivers, streams (including intermittent
199 and ephemeral streams), drainage ditches, tax ditches, creeks, mudflats, sand flats,
200 wetlands, sloughs, or natural or impounded ponds;
- 201 d. All impoundments of waters otherwise defined as waters of the State under this
202 definition;
- 203 e. Wetlands adjacent to waters (other than waters that are themselves wetlands)
204 identified in (a) through (d).
- 205 f. Waste and storm water treatment systems or waste storage structures including, but
206 not limited to, treatment ponds or lagoons designed to meet the requirements of the
207 Act (other than cooling ponds which otherwise meet the requirements of this
208 definition) are not “State waters” or “waters of the State.” This exclusion applies
209 only to manmade bodies of water, which neither were originally created in waters
210 of the State nor resulted from the impoundment of waters of the State
- 211 36. “Water Quality Standard” means any rule or limit established by the Secretary of the
212 Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control which consists of a
213 designated use or uses for waters of the State and the water quality criteria for such
214 waters based upon such designated uses.
- 215 37. “Realistic Yield Goals” are defined as the expected crop yields based on the best 4 out
216 of 7 years of recorded data. Without yield records, one shall use soil productivity
217 classes. Yield goals higher than the average, require written justification from a
218 certified consultant.
- 219 38. “Vegetated Buffer” means a narrow, permanent strip of dense perennial vegetation
220 established parallel to the contours of and perpendicular to the dominant slope of the
221 field for the purposes of slowing water runoff, enhancing water infiltration, and
222 minimizing the risk of any potential nutrients or pollutants from leaving the field and
223 reaching surface waters.
- 224 39. “25-Year, 24-Hour Rainfall Event” means the maximum 24-hour precipitation event
225 with a probable recurrence interval of once in 25 years, as defined by the National
226 Weather Service Technical Paper Number 40, “Rainfall Frequency Atlas of the United
227 States”, equivalent to regional or state rainfall probability information developed there
228 from, or a rain event greater than 5.7 inches for New Castle county, 5.9 for Kent county
229 and 6.3 for Sussex county.
- 230 40. “100-Year, 24-Hour Rainfall Event” means the maximum 24-hour precipitation event
231 with a probable recurrence interval of once in 100 years, as defined by the National
232 Weather Service Technical Paper Number 40, “Rainfall Frequency Atlas of the United
233 States”, equivalent to regional or state rainfall probability information developed there
234 from, or a rain event greater than 7.3 inches for New Castle county, 7.6 for Kent county
235 and 7.9 for Sussex county.
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D. APPLICABILITY

1. Any person who owns or operates a CAFO (Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation) may request general or individual CAFO NPDES permit coverage under these regulations.
2. These NPDES permit requirements shall apply to any person who engages in the management of a CAFO where animal manure is, has been or will be generated and the AFO (Animal Feeding Operation) is not currently compliant with the State Nutrient Management Law and regulations. An AFO is a CAFO if the number of animals equals or exceeds the following criteria:
 - a. More than the numbers of animals specified in any of the following categories:
 - 1) 1,000 beef cattle or heifers,
 - 2) 700 mature dairy cattle (whether milked or dry cows),
 - 3) 2,500 swine each weighing over 55 pounds,
 - 4) 10,000 swine weighing under 55 pounds,
 - 5) 500 horses,
 - 6) 10,000 sheep or lambs,
 - 7) 55,000 turkeys,
 - 8) 30,000 laying hens or broilers, if the AFO uses a liquid manure handling system,
 - 9) 125,000 chickens except laying hens (if other than a liquid manure handling system),*
 - 10) 82,000 laying hens (if other than a liquid manure handling system),
 - 11) 1,000 veal calves.

* Note: An alternative criterion for square footage calculations may be utilized and adopted as policy that qualifies a CAFO based on the area within the confined facility. For example the animal density of 0.75 square feet per bird calculates to 93,750 square feet and can be defined as a CAFO. This alternative may not supersede the actual number of chickens maintained.
 - b. Provided one of the following conditions are met and the number of animals is equal to or greater than the number specified below, the operator has a duty to apply:
 - 1) Pollutants are discharged into waters of the State through a man-made ditch, flushing system, or other similar man-made device; or
 - 2) Pollutants are discharged directly into waters of the State, which originate outside of and pass over, across, or through the facility or otherwise come into direct contact with the animals confined in the operation; or
 - 3) Pollutants are discharged into waters of the State caused by the improper handling of animal mortalities or improper manure management as identified by standards adopted by NRCS and or the Commission; or
 - 4) Pollutants are discharged into waters of the State from the application area as agricultural storm water, except for agricultural storm water exemption.
 - (a) 300 beef cattle or heifers,
 - (b) 210 mature dairy cattle (whether milked or dry cows),
 - (c) 750 swine each weighing over 55 pounds,
 - (d) 3,000 swine weighing under 55 pounds,
 - (e) 150 horses,
 - (f) 3,000 sheep or lambs,
 - (g) 16,500 turkeys,

- (h) 9,000 laying hens or broilers, if the AFO uses a liquid manure handling system,
- (i) 37,500 chickens except laying hens (if other than a liquid manure handling system),*
- (j) 24,600 laying hens (if other than a liquid manure handling system),
- (k) 300 veal calves.

- 3. These General NPDES permit requirements shall apply to any person notified in writing by the Secretary and covered by the Nutrient Management Law (3 *Del. C.* §2200 et.al.) as specified in Section G of these regulations or anyone requesting coverage.

E. APPLICATION FOR COVERAGE

- 1. Any one who owns or operates a CAFO or is designated as a CAFO must submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) on a form provided by the Department, to the Secretary within 120 calendar days of the effective date of these regulations or upon operation of a new facility. Anyone who expands their operation and becomes a CAFO must submit a NOI within 90 days of becoming a CAFO. The NOI will serve as a formal commitment by the CAFO applicant to comply with the standards established in these regulations. The NOI shall include, but not be limited to, the following information:
 - a. The name of the farm/facility, mailing address, manager or applicant, contact information to include emergency address or closest road name intersection of the CAFO.
 - b. The name, address and contact information of the farm/facility owner if different than the applicant.
 - c. Annual operation data to include, animal type(s), number of animals confined, estimated manure generation by type per year, manure storage capacity, manure storage system, animal mortality system, process waste water (quantity where applicable), and total number of acres under control and available for land application.
 - d. The NOI must be signed by the owner or other person who performs similar policy-making or decision-making functions for the facility. Any person signing documents in accordance with this subsection shall certify that the information submitted is, to the best of his/her knowledge and belief, true, accurate and complete. Such person is advised that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fines and imprisonment for willful violations.
 - e. A copy of the nutrient management plan, containing at a minimum the following components:
 - 1) Field maps showing reference points (such as building, stream, irrigation equipment, etc.), number of acres and soil types;
 - 2) Soil and organic nutrient analyses;
 - 3) Current and planned crop rotations;
 - 4) Expected yields based on best 4 out of 7 years data or, in absence thereof, soil productivity charts;
 - 5) Recommended rates, timing and methods of nutrient applications.

This information must accompany the NOI and shall be submitted to the Delaware Department of Agriculture, Nutrient Management Program, 2320 S. DuPont Highway, Dover, DE 19901.

- 337 f. A person's obligation to independently seek and secure an NPDES permit is not
338 conditioned upon or qualified by having received a notice that an NPDES permit is
339 required from the Secretary.
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- 341 2. Effective date of coverage: Permit coverage under these regulations begins at the time
342 when the NOI is received by the Department.
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- 344 3. Expiration date of coverage: Permit coverage for a CAFO under these regulations will
345 continue until an individual NPDES permit is issued to the CAFO or until the deadline
346 for notices of intent to be filed under new general permit regulations that are
347 promulgated for CAFOs. These regulations shall expire five years from the effective
348 date.
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- 350 4. Duty to maintain permit coverage: No later than 180 days before the expiration of the
351 permit, the permittee must submit an application to renew its permit, unless the facility
352 has ceased operation or is no longer a CAFO.

353 F. REQUIREMENTS FOR GENERAL CAFO NPDES PERMITS

354 Each person covered by these regulations shall meet or exceed the minimum standards of a general
355 permit that consists of the following and applicable contents:

- 356 1. A nutrient management plan or animal waste management plan required by the
357 Commission and developed by a Delaware certified consultant. A required nutrient
358 management plan or animal waste management plan consists of the following applicable
359 contents:
- 360 a. Plan Identification:
- 361 1) Applicant name, mailing address, county road number or name, telephone
362 number and watershed designation of operation.
- 363 2) The name of the farm/facility, mailing address, manager or applicant,
364 contact information to include emergency address or closest road name
365 intersection of the CAFO.
- 366 3) Nutrient consultant's name and company:
- 367 (a) Address and telephone number.
- 368 (b) Nutrient management consultant certification number.
- 369 (c) Date of plan and duration of animal waste or nutrient management
370 plan (not to exceed 3 years).
- 371 4) Total acres under control (owned, rented or leased) of the CAFO
372 represented in the nutrient management plans and a brief description of
373 agricultural commodities produced within the operation.
- 374 5) Certification statement signed by the applicant documenting the intention to
375 implement the nutrient management and/or animal waste management plan.
- 376 b. Field maps or aerial photographs that include the following:
- 377 1) Individual field identification and boundaries for all owned, rented or leased
378 fields under control of the CAFO.
- 379 2) A copy of soil survey map showing all soil types on each field or the soil
380 texture identification of all pertinent soils.
- 381 3) The location of all surface waters including drainage ditches, streams,
382 ponds, etc.
- 383 4) Irrigation systems where applicable.

- c. Crop and Nutrient Information:
- 1) The total number and type of animals, annual quantity estimate of waste generation and storage methods.
 - 2) Description and method of temporary outside storage/stockpiling of manure.
 - 3) Total acres (controlled by the CAFO, owned, rented or leased) represented by the animal waste management plan and/or nutrient management plan and summary of needed nutrients.
 - 4) Realistic yield goal determined (average yield for the best 4 of the last 7 years).
 - 5) Without yield records use soil productivity classes or provide written justification if realistic yield goals are higher than average.
 - 6) Soil test (no older than 3 years) from an agronomic laboratory approved by the Commission.
 - 7) Current and planned crop rotation.
 - 8) Determine nitrogen rate based on realistic yield goal of crop(s) to be grown.
 - 9) The application rate of phosphorus to high soil phosphorus levels, as defined by the Commission, cannot exceed a three-year crop removal rate. Optionally, a University of Delaware approved Phosphorus Site Index (PSI) may be performed and Phosphorus may be added as indicated by the PSI value.
 - 10) Manure analysis (annually) results or a nutrient value average with written justification.
 - 11) Estimate residual nitrogen (organic nutrients, fertilizer, or legume crops from prior year) in absence of a Pre-sidedress Nitrate Test (PSNT).
 - 12) Nutrient source(s) selected, rates and approximate timing of application(s).
- d. Best Management Practices (BMPs) are recommendations to enhance agronomic and environmental practices should be recommended to better advise and educate persons and are not to be interpreted as mandatory implementation actions of a plan (e.g., Pre-sidedress Soil Nitrate Test, cover crops, vegetative buffer strips, litter additives, manure incorporation, timing/method, etc.) unless specified in site-specific practices covered in paragraph F2 below.
2. Site-specific management requirements that supplement the animal waste management plan and/or nutrient management plan by addressing the following site-specific measures to protect waters of the State shall include:
- a. An overall manure balance budget that clearly identifies available manure, intended manure use, manure storage capacity, and excess manure determined by the animal waste management plan and/or nutrient management plan. This budget must identify intended use to include land application, exportation, or other described uses. Operations must account for excess manure in the Annual Nutrient Management Report.
 - b. A description of manure storage capacity and general schedule or timeframe when manure is removed or transported from storage site to include but not be limited to:
 - 1) Management practices to prevent storage, collection, and conveyance systems from leaking pollutants to ground or surface water.
 - 2) For liquid storage: storage must be conducted to prevent a discharge and must include a calendar plan for liquid and sediment removal, with a freeboard action level of not less than one foot, with a depth marker.
 - 3) For solid storage: permanent and temporary storage must be conducted to prevent a discharge and be consistent with standards adopted by NRCS and/or the Commission.

- 435 4) Emergency actions for spills and catastrophic events for existing CAFO
436 liquid storage systems to include the volume of water generated and
437 collected by a 25-year, 24-hour rainfall event or as specified in N.2.2.
- 438 c. A description and action plan to divert or segregate all clean water as appropriate
439 from the production area and/or for collecting all water coming in contact with the
440 production area to include but not limited to the following categories:
441 1) Roof runoff control to prevent contact of clean runoff with production areas
442 where animal manures are present;
443 2) Direct contact between animals and waters of the State; and
444 3) Runoff coming into contact with animal waste.
- 445 d. A detailed animal mortality plan indicating as outlined. Burial of dead animals is
446 prohibited except with approval and under special circumstances such as serious
447 bio-security circumstances as approved by the state veterinarian.
448 1) Daily handling and disposal of dead animals in a manner that prevents
449 contamination of ground/surface waters as recommended by the BMPs
450 approved by the Commission.
451 2) Methods for handling catastrophic mortalities as recommended by the
452 BMPs approved by the Commission.
- 453 e. Manure and processed wastewater application setbacks. These setbacks are defined
454 as the distance between the application area and any down-gradient surface waters,
455 open tile line, intake structures, sinkholes or other conduits to surface waters. The
456 direct application of manure or processed wastewater to ditches or surface waters is
457 prohibited. These setback standards are provided as three options:
458 1) 100-foot application setback, or
459 2) 35-foot vegetated buffer where applications of manure, litter, and process
460 wastewater are prohibited, or
461 3) Alternative compliance practices as follows:
462 (a) For surface waters other than drainage ditches:
463 i. 50-foot application setback for the field under the
464 conservation practice of incorporation within 2 days of
465 application or planting a winter cover crop following the
466 crop receiving manure, litter or process wastewater.
467 ii. 15-foot application setback for the field under the
468 conservation practice of incorporation within 2 days of
469 application and planting a winter cover crop following the
470 crop receiving manure, litter or process wastewater.
- 471 (b) For drainage ditches:
472 i. 20-foot application setback for the field under the
473 conservation practice of incorporation within 2 days of
474 application or planting a winter cover crop following the
475 crop receiving manure, litter or process wastewater.
476 ii. 10-foot application setback for the field under the
477 conservation practice of incorporation within 2 days of
478 application and planting a winter cover crop following the
479 crop receiving manure, litter or process wastewater.
- 480 (c) Any alternative compliance practice approved by the Commission,
481 so long as it is demonstrated to attain similar or better pollutant
482 reductions to the 100 foot application setback or the 35 foot
483 vegetative buffer.

- 484 f. Chemicals and other contaminants handled on-site are not to be disposed of in any
485 manure, litter, process wastewater, or storm water storage or treatment system
486 unless specifically designed to treat such chemicals and contaminants.
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- 488 3. A nutrient management plan and/or animal waste management plan and site-specific
489 management requirements shall be updated a minimum of every three years or upon
490 significant alteration to include, but not be limited to, a 25 percent increase in animal
491 units or acres of crops grown. Such plans shall be reported to the Commission no later
492 than December 15 of the year in which they must be updated.

493 **G. REQUIREMENTS FOR INDIVIDUAL CAFO NPDES PERMIT**

- 494 1. With the guidance, advice and consent of the Commission, the Secretary may require
495 any person covered by these regulations and the Nutrient Management Law (3 Del. C.
496 §2248) to apply for and obtain an individual NPDES permit. Cases where an
497 individual NPDES permit may be required include but not limited to the following:
498 a. There is noncompliance with the provisions of these regulations, the Nutrient
499 Management Law (3 Del. C. §2200 et.al.), or the SNMP.
500 b. There is evidence indicating that a person is a significant contributor of a pollutant
501 to waters of the State as specified in section D.2.
502 c. There is a request for coverage by an applicant who is not required to obtain
503 coverage.
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- 505 2. Each person designated to need an individual CAFO permit will be notified in writing
506 by the Secretary. Such notice shall include a brief statement of the reasons for the
507 decision, an application form, a deadline for submission of the application and a
508 statement regarding the effective date of coverage.
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- 510 3. A CAFO Individual NPDES Permit will establish standards for mitigating or
511 preventing pollutants from entering waters of the State and will consist of, but not be
512 limited to, the following information:
513 a. All applicable contents found in a General Permit (Subsection F).
514 b. Conditions and compliance measures to mitigate or prevent pollutants from entering
515 waters of the State.
516 c. The time line for implementation requirements and an expiration date not to exceed
517 five years.

518 **H. REPORTING AND EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

- 519 1. Reporting Requirements: Each person covered by these regulations shall submit to the
520 Department and the Commission by March 1 of every calendar year, on a form
521 developed and supplied by the Commission, a report detailing, at a minimum, the
522 following:
523 a. Annual plan identification to include:
524 1) Applicants name, mailing address and telephone number.
525 2) Nutrient consultant's name and company.
526 3) Date Nutrient Management plan was prepared and duration of plan not to
527 exceed 3 years.
528 4) Total acres represented by the nutrient management plan and a brief
529 description of agricultural commodities produced within the operation.
530 b. The annual operating data to include animal type(s), number of animals confined
531 and manure generation by type.

- c. The quantity of animal manure in tons or thousand gallons applied to land managed within operation and the quantity of land to which applied.
 - d. The quantity of inorganic fertilizers applied to the land and the quantity of land to which applied.
 - e. The quantity and type of manure exported from operation; and the name, address and organization of person(s) responsible for utilizing the manure.
 - f. All reports submitted under this subsection shall not be considered public records under the Delaware Freedom of Information Act and shall not be disclosed. Such data may be used for data compilation.
 - g. A statement indicating that the current nutrient management plan was developed by a certified Nutrient Consultant.
2. Emergency Notification: If for any reason, there is a discharge from a CAFO the applicant shall verbally notify the Department within 24 hours of becoming aware of the discharge and document the incident in writing within five (5) days. In general, discharges occur when manure is conveyed by means of surface flow from a confinement facility, holding area, manure storage structure. The information to be provided shall include:
- a. A description of the discharge and cause, including a description of the flow path to the receiving waters, an estimate of the flow and volume discharged.
 - b. The period of discharge, including exact dates and times and if not corrected, the anticipated time the discharge is expected to continue and the steps being taken to reduce, eliminate and prevent recurrence of the discharge.
 - c. If the discharge was caused by a precipitation event(s), the amount of rainfall, as measured with a rain gauge at the site.
 - d. Results of any sampling and analysis of the discharge, if available.
 - e. For further questions or assistance, call the Delaware Department of Agriculture @ 1-800-282-8685, (Nutrient Management Program), or DNREC Emergency @ 1-800-662-8802.

I. RECORD KEEPING

1. Those persons requiring coverage by these regulations must maintain records of implementation for six years. All animal waste management plans, nutrient management plans, site-specific management requirements and records of implementation shall be kept by the landowner or person responsible for the plans or records. Animal waste management plans, nutrient management plans and records of implementation shall be made available for inspection as specified in Subsection J. Records of implementation shall include:
- a. Soil test results and recommended nutrient application rates or the nutrient management plan.
 - b. Quantities, analyses and sources of all nutrients applied to fields.
 - c. Dates, weather conditions (as specified by the Commission) and methods of nutrient application(s).
 - d. Crops planted, yields, and plant matter (grain, silage, etc.) removed from the land.
 - e. The annual report and supporting documents.
2. Off site use of manure: If the manure is sold or given to other persons for disposal and/or utilization, the following applicant information shall be maintained at the facility generating the waste or manure:

- a. The date of manure removal.
 - b. Name of receiver and contact information.
 - c. Quantity (tons/gallons) of waste removed.
 - d. A copy of the manure nutrient analysis shall be given to the receiver.
3. Corrective actions taken as a result of visual inspections of storm water diversion devices, water lines, manure, litter, and process wastewater impoundments.

J. ENTRY AND EVALUATION

1. The Secretary or the Commission, or authorized designee shall be authorized to evaluate implementation of these regulations and furthermore be allowed to:
 - a. Enter and inspect the facility subject to these regulations following proper notification.
 - b. Have access to and the right to copy, at reasonable times, any records that must be kept under the conditions of these regulations.
 - c. Sample or monitor any discharges from the site.
2. Facility applicant and/or the landowner shall be notified 48 hours in advance. Entry and evaluation shall be in accordance with any biosecurity requirements of the individual or commodity industry involved.
3. In cases where there is a probable blatant violation, in the sole judgment of the Secretary to these regulations, no advanced notice is required.
4. The implementation of these regulations shall not deny any property rights of either real or personal property, nor shall it authorize any injury to private property or any invasion of personal rights.

K. DUTY TO COMPLY

All practices required by these regulations shall be consistent with the terms and conditions of these regulations. The discharge of any pollutant more frequently than, or at a level in excess of, that identified and authorized herein shall constitute a violation of these regulations and shall be grounds for enforcement action as provided in 3 *Del. C.* §2200 et.al. and 7 *Del. C.* §6000 et.al.; for loss of authorization to discharge pursuant to these regulations; or for denial of a permit renewal application. The Department may seek voluntary compliance with a warning, notice or other educational means. However, the law does not require that such voluntary means be used before proceeding with enforcement.

L. TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP

1. In the event of any pending change in ownership of facilities covered by a CAFO general or individual permit, the new owner or applicant shall submit either an application for an individual NPDES permit or Notice Of Intent (NOI) to the Department as outlined in Subsection E. (Application for Coverage).
2. Such written notice shall include the proposed date of transfer. The new owner is encouraged to provide notice at least 30 days prior to the proposed transfer to avoid any lag in coverage.

3. The Secretary per 3 Del. C. §2248 (d) may require the new owner to apply for and obtain an individual NPDES permit, as provided in Subsection G.

M. EFFLUENT STANDARDS AND LIMITATIONS

Discharge limitations: No discharges of process wastewater from any animal feeding operation subject to these regulations may enter waters of the United States. The requirements do allow a discharge caused by a rainfall event, provided the following conditions are met:

1. The production area must be designed, built, operated and maintained to handle all of the process wastewater, plus the runoff and direct precipitation from a 25-year, 24-hour rainfall event.
2. The discharge may consist only of overflows caused by the rainfall event. Dry weather discharges are not permitted. Discharges caused by poor management are never permitted.

N. CRITERIA FOR NEW FACILITIES

New CAFO facilities permitted after the effective date of these regulations shall meet the following criteria:

1. Siting of Control Facilities.
 - a. Waste storage structures shall not be located in the 100-year flood plain unless the facility is designed and constructed such that the manure from a facility is protected from floodwaters from a storm of 24 hours duration having a one (1) percent chance of recurrence within a given year. Such events are defined as 100-year 24-hour rainfall event. Waste storage structures and treatment lagoons are to be designed as essentially watertight structures in accordance with NRCS practices and standards.
 - b. Waste storage structures shall not be located closer than 300 feet from a public water well nor 200 feet from domestic water well.
 - c. No waters of the State shall come into direct contact with the animals confined at the facility. Fences or other practices may be used to restrict such access.
 - d. Animal confinement areas shall not be located:
 - 1) In the 100 year flood plain unless they are protected from inundation and damage that may occur during that flood event.
 - 2) Closer than 300 feet from a public water well, nor 200 feet from a domestic water well.
 - e. The handling, treatment, and management of AFO wastes shall not:
 - 1) Result in the inadvertent destruction or adverse modification of the critical habitat of endangered or threatened species of plant, fish, or wildlife.
 - 2) Create a public health hazard.
 - 3) Result in groundwater contamination.
2. Effluent Limitations
 - a. No discharges of process wastewater from any animal feeding operation subject to these regulations may enter waters of the United States. The requirements do allow a discharge caused by a rainfall event, provided the following conditions are met:
 - 1) The production area for horse, sheep, duck, dairy and beef (other than veal) must be designed, built, operated and maintained to handle all of the process

- wastewater, plus the runoff and direct precipitation from a 25-year, 24-hour rainfall event.
- 2) The production area for swine, veal calf, turkey and chickens must be designed, built, operated and maintained to handle all of the process wastewater, plus the runoff and direct precipitation from a 100-year, 24-hour rainfall event.
 - 3) The discharge may consist only of overflows caused by the rainfall event. Dry weather discharges are not permitted. Discharges caused by poor management are never permitted.

O. ENFORCEMENT, FINES, AND PENALTIES

1. Whoever violates these regulations shall be subject to the following fines and penalties:
 - a. A civil penalty shall be imposed by the Justice of the Peace Court of not less than \$25 nor more than \$1,000 for each violation. Each day of continued violation shall be considered as a separate violation up to a limit of \$10,000. The Justice of the Peace Court shall have jurisdiction of a violation in which a civil penalty is sought. In setting penalty amounts under this section, consideration shall be given to offsetting any economic benefit from non-compliance or any delayed or avoided costs to any person. Further, penalty assessments shall be sufficient to deter recurrence of non-compliance. If there is a substantial likelihood that non-compliance will reoccur, the Commission may recommend that the Secretary also seek a permanent or preliminary injunction or temporary restraining order in the Court of Chancery. Civil penalties imposed under this section may not be suspended.
 - b. In its discretion, the Commission may recommend that the Secretary impose an administrative penalty of not more than \$1,000 for each violation. Prior to assessment of an administrative penalty, written notice of the Secretary's proposal to impose such penalty shall be given to the violator and the violator shall have 30 days from receipt of said notice to request a public hearing. Any public hearing, if requested, right of appeal and judicial appeal shall be conducted pursuant to this section. Assessment of an administrative penalty shall be determined by the nature, circumstances, extent and gravity of the violation or violations, ability of the violator to pay, any prior history of such violations, the degree of culpability, economic benefit or savings (if any), resulting from the violation and such other matters as justice may require.
2. Any expenses or civil administrative penalties collected by the Department under this section are hereby appropriated to the Department for use in assisting persons in achieving compliance or to demonstrate the application of research that may be of substantial benefit to any individuals seeking compliance with this section.
3. Any person wishing to file a complaint against any person regarding an alleged violation of these regulations shall follow the process established by Regulations Governing the Processing of Complaints and Violations published in the January 1, 2001 Register of Regulations.

P. EFFECTIVE DATE.

These regulations shall become effective _____.



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Delaware Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) And Application for Coverage

CONTACT INFORMATION					
Name of applicant, operator, or person managing operation:					
Farm or Business Name:					
Address:					
City:		State:		Zip Code:	
Telephone: ()		Fax: ()		Email:	
OWNER'S CONTACT INFORMATION					
<input type="checkbox"/> Same as above					
Owner's Name:					
Address:					
City:		State:		Zip Code:	
Telephone: ()		Fax: ()			
OPERATION DATA					
911 Emergency Address or Closest Road Name to intersection of CAFO:					
Watershed ID/Receiving Stream/Waterbody:					
Animal Type and Quantity:	<input type="checkbox"/> Poultry: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Dairy: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Beef: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Horse: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: (specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Existing Facility	<input type="checkbox"/> New or Expanding Facility / Date of projected occupancy: _____				
Manure Storage Capacity: _____ tons/gals					
Manure Storage System: <input type="checkbox"/> Liquid <input type="checkbox"/> Solid <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____					
Process Wastewater Storage Capacity: _____ tons/gals					
Animal Mortality Handling System: <input type="checkbox"/> Composter <input type="checkbox"/> Rendering <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____					
Land under control and available for manure application _____					
ANNUAL BUDGET of intended manure disposition identifying the following:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Manure Generation:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Process Wastewater Generation:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Land Application:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Exportation from farm operation:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Use:					

I certify under penalty of law that this NOI is completed to the best of my knowledge. I agree to prepare and implement a nutrient management plan in accordance with the requirements of a general or individual CAFO permit. I certify as the owner or manager of the above facility and take primary responsibility for the actions and management of the facility.

Signature

Name Printed

Date



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Nutrient Management Consultant

Nutrient Management Annual Report

The Nutrient Management Annual Report is due no later than March 1st and represents nutrient handling information from the previous calendar year (i.e., 2003 crop year is due March 1st, 2004).

Applicant Name: _____	Management Plan Type:
Farm or Business Name: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Nutrient Management Plan
Address: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Animal Waste Management Plan
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____	Date of Plan Creation: _____
County: _____	Duration of Plan: <input type="checkbox"/> 01yr <input type="checkbox"/> 02yrs <input type="checkbox"/> 03yrs
Telephone Number: (_____) _____ - _____	NMP Consultant Certification: _____
Fax Number: (_____) _____ - _____	NMP Consultant Name: _____
Email: _____	Total Acres under Management Plan: _____ ac.

Operation Description:

☐ Animal Operation of Confinement ☐ Crop Production ☐ Golf Course ☐ Other _____

Watershed Geographical Location:

1. Grand: _____ Watersheds: _____

Animal Type Entry:

1.	Poultry	Dairy	Beef	Horse	Others	Capacity
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Manure Nutrient Application:

1. Amount	Poultry	Dairy	Beef	Horse	Others	Acres
_____ <input type="checkbox"/> Tons <input type="checkbox"/> gals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____

Commercial Fertilizer Application:

Total land that received commercial fertilizer : _____ acres
Total Nitrogen : _____ lbs
Total Phosphorus as P2O5 : _____ lbs

Manure Export for Land Application:

1. Type	Amount	Name of Receiver
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> lbs <input type="checkbox"/> Tons <input type="checkbox"/> gals	_____

Manure Export for Alternative Use(Other than land application of raw manure):

1. Type	Amount	Name of Receiver
_____	<input type="checkbox"/> lbs <input type="checkbox"/> Tons <input type="checkbox"/> gals	_____

Is a DNREC land treatment Permit associated with your operation? ☐ Yes ☐ No
Is a CAFO general or individual permit associated with your animal operation? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Signature

Date